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1. A method of copy protecting a digital audio compact disc, wherein control data usable by a data reader is encoded on the compact disc, the copy protection method comprising the step of rendering selected control data incorrect and/or inaccurate.
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2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the incorrect data encoded onto the CD is either inaccessible to, or not generally read by, an audio player.
3. A method as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the incorrect data encoded onto the CD renders the disc generally unplayable by a data reader.
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4. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the data encoded on the compact disc which has been rendered incorrect is navigation and/or timing data.
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5. A method as claimed in Claim 4, wherein data, provided in the Lead-In, which identifies the position on the disc of the Lead-Out is rendered incorrect.
6. A method as claimed in Claim 5, wherein data in the Lead-In which indicates the Atime at the start of the Lead-Out is rendered incorrect.
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7. A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the data in the Lead-In shows the Atime at the start of the Lead-Out to be zero.
8. A method as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the data in the Lead-In has a value for the Atime at the start of the Lead-Out which occurs during a first audio track on the compact disc.
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9. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein data encoded on the compact disc defining the nature of the tracks is rendered incorrect.
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10. A method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein data on the CD identifying the nature of the tracks incorrectly identifies each audio track as a data track.

11. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the data encoded on the compact disc which is rendered incorrect is data in the Table of Contents (TOC) of the compact disc.

12. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the control data encoded on the compact disc is altered, to render it incorrect, prior to mastering of the disc.

13. A copy protected digital audio compact disc, wherein control data usable by a data reader is encoded on the compact disc, and wherein selected control data has been rendered incorrect and/or inaccurate.

14. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the incorrect data encoded onto the compact disc is either inaccessible to, or not generally read by, an audio player.

15. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 13 or Claim 14, wherein the data encoded on the compact disc renders the disc generally unplayable by a data reader.

16. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in any of Claims 13 to 15, wherein the incorrect control data on the disc is navigation and/or timing data.

17. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the incorrect control data is provided in the Lead-In, and identifies the position on the disc of the Lead-Out.

18. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the incorrect control data in the Lead-In indicates incorrectly the Atime at the start of the Lead-Out.

19. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the incorrect control data in the Lead-In shows the Atime at the start of the Lead-Out to be zero.

20. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the incorrect control data in the Lead-In has a value for the Atime at the start of the Lead-Out which occurs during a first audio track on the compact disc.

21. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in any of Claims 13 to 20, wherein the incorrect control data encoded onto the compact disc defines the nature of the tracks on the disc.

10 22. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in Claim 21, wherein the incorrect control data incorrectly identifies each audio track as a data track.

15 23. A copy protected digital audio compact disc as claimed in any of Claims 13 to 22, wherein the incorrect control data encoded onto the compact disc is control data in the Table of Contents (TOC) of the disc.

20 24. A method of copy protecting a digital audio compact disc substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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